

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2003 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northern California Area, moderate in the Southern California Area, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 37 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Eastern Great Basin Area and one in the Southern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical, operational, planning and resource support. The team will work jointly with GSA, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers, at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The National Park Service All Risk Management Team (Swed) is assigned. The team is assessing hurricane damage and support needs for National Parks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Hurricane Isabel, North Carolina. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Wathen/Pearson, Collins/Col. Holt/Hendricks) are assigned. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for 12 counties. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 9/18. Through Unified Command, personnel are providing logistical, operational, planning and resource support.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is assigned. The fires are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash, 16 miles north of Garberville, CA. Both fires remained active with running, short-range spotting and crowning. Structure protection is in place for 177 residences.

CINDER, Lassen National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, ten miles north of Chester, CA. Fire activity was limited to the residual burning of heavy fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	19,255	70	9/30	2,286	68	139	18	0	20.2M
CINDER	CA	LNF	100	80	9/28	227	10	0	1	0	375K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is in timber, ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. Active fire behavior with single tree and group torching was observed. The fire was most active in the Peak Creek area and on the north flank. Burn out operations went well on the north flank and the southeast side of the fire.

NEEDLES, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire remained active with torching and spotting. All trails in the vicinity of the fire and the road to Hart's Pass remained closed.

CRYSTAL CREEK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Incident Management Team (Berndt/Baarspul) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed fuels, 15 miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Fire activity was limited to creeping and smoldering in heavy, spotty fuels.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Winds increased interior burning; no fire spread outside the current perimeter was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ISABEL	WA	OWF	2,020	10	UNK	362	9	16	5	0	2.9M
NEEDLES	WA	OWF	18,800	39	UNK	347	5	12	7	1	8.7M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	600	0	10/18	207	5	0	6	0	300K
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/1	124	2	18	4	13	38.3M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

KIBBIE COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This complex is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and brush, 28 miles west/northwest of Sonora, CA. Fire continued backing and flanking toward containment lines on the Kibbie fire. The Tuolumne fire continued to spread to the west through heavier timber. Area closure was extended to Cherry Lake Dam.

HOMERS NOSE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in mixed brush and ponderosa pine, 40 miles east of Visalia, CA. Minimal fire spread was reported.

MUD COMPLEX, Stanislaus National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex is in timber and brush, five miles southeast of Bear Valley, CA. This incident, comprised of the Mud and Whit fires, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Mud fire was active on the northwest flank, and along the west flank around Elephant Rock. Fire activity included active surface spread, torching and short uphill crown runs. The Whit fire had moderate fire activity along the southwest flank. The Mud fire area closure expanded to include the Union-Utica Reservoir and road access to it, Slick Rock Road and Elephant Rock Road. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, which began on 7/28, is in mixed conifer and montane chaparral, 21 miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. The incident, comprised of the Williams, West Kern, Giant, West Clover, Paradise 2 and nine other fires under ten acres, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Williams, West Kern and Paradise 2 fires exhibited torching, spotting and short runs. The West Clover fire became active. Little activity was reported on the other fires.

MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Stanislaus National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU), which began on 7/20, is in timber and brush, 17 miles west of Mi-Wuk Village, CA. This incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Isolated torching was observed. Trail closures are in effect for Pine Valley and Lily Creek drainage.

GORMAN, Los Angeles County Fire Department. This fire is in light grass, five miles south of Gorman, CA. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KIBBIE COMPLEX	CA	YNP	6,840	78	10/2	517	14	11	8	0	550K
HOMERS NOSE 2	CA	KNP	230	30	9/29	69	2	0	2	0	800K
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	4,657	N/A	N/A	154	4	0	5	0	700K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	6,880	N/A	N/A	44	0	1	2	0	325K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,710	N/A	N/A	19	1	0	0	0	172K
GORMAN	CA	LAC	300	90	9/28	195	10	17	3	0	NR
CARGYLE COMPLEX – WFU	CA	SNF	497	N/A	N/A	32	1	0	1	0	NR

SNF = Sierra National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CASCADE II, Uinta National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is in tall gamble oak, brush and grass, six miles west/southwest of Charleston, UT. Crowning, spotting and isolated torching continued in warm and dry conditions. A closure order for a portion of the Pleasant Grove Ranger District in the fire vicinity remains in effect.

EAST FORK, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass, sage and cottonwoods, 12 miles northwest of Dubois, ID. Fire activity included running with occasional torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CASCADE II	UT	UIF	7,790	70	9/30	453	15	13	7	0	1M
EAST FORK	ID	IFD	425	75	UNK	21	0	5	0	0	NR
ELK	ID	SIX	300	100	---	46	0	8	2	0	NR

SIX = Southern Idaho Dispatch, Private

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) is in timber with dead and downed fuels on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Backing through heavy fuels was observed. Burn out operations on the west flank of the Big fire were successful.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	2,059	N/A	N/A	90	1	3	3	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure continues over the Western states, bringing terrain driven wind, higher than normal temperatures and poor nighttime humidity recovery. Offshore winds will continue today over the Pacific Northwest. However, late in the day a low pressure area off the coast of northern California will begin turning the flow to a more onshore direction.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Mostly sunny with fog and low clouds near the coast much of the day, and extending locally inland night and morning hours.</p>	<p>Upper 50s to upper 60s near the coast, upper 70s to upper 80s higher elevations inland and upper 80s to upper 90s lower elevations inland.</p>	<p>8 to 18% driest inland areas to 55% or more along the coast. Poor nighttime relative humidity recovery on the inland upper slopes and ridges Sunday morning.</p>	<p>Southeast to south 5 to 15 mph early, becoming southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon, strongest along the coast.</p>
<p>NORTHWEST AREA Sunny and dry inland. Low clouds along the coast.</p>	<p>Continued unusually warm inland. Generally 80s and 90s western Washington and Oregon. Upper 70s and 80s eastern Oregon and Washington with a few spots near 90.</p>	<p>Dry inland. Generally 15 to 30% western Washington and Oregon. 10% to 20% over much of eastern Oregon and Washington.</p>	<p>Generally less than 10 mph east of the Cascades. Easterly winds 10 to 20 mph over the northern Oregon and Washington Cascades with gusts up to 35 mph on the ridges in the morning hours. Light winds elsewhere.</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog lower coastal areas, otherwise sunny.</p>	<p>65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 90 to 103 valleys. 95 to 103 upper desert. 102 to 108 low desert.</p>	<p>8 to 15% desert. 8 to 15% mountains. 12 to 20 valleys. 50 to 65% coast.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.</p>



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TOPIC OF CHOICE

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	1	2
Northern California	FIRES	1				12	3	16
	ACRES	0				1,413	35	1,448
Southern California	FIRES				1	6	5	12
	ACRES				27	0	2	29
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			2	1	3
	ACRES		400			700	71	1,171
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	1	22	12	37
	ACRES	0	400	0	27	2,114	111	2,652

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	392	14	452
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,123	3,712	247,595	2	574,723
Northwest	FIRES	296	247	11	55	1,749	1,231	3,589
	ACRES	20,249	17,875	12	3,081	49,137	292,961	383,315
Northern California	FIRES	145	70	14	17	2,665	1,182	4,093
	ACRES	232	11,583	3	6,562	69,249	29,903	117,532
Southern California	FIRES	64	133	10	75	2,554	849	3,685
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	586	36,122	7,284	48,139
Northern Rockies	FIRES	981	61	33	85	953	1,500	3,613
	ACRES	77,626	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,111	364,110	895,216
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	810	6	46	657	944	2,521
	ACRES	19,423	135,774	1,242	2,634	48,218	141,060	348,351
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	432	1	11	115	168	734
	ACRES	1	11,182	79	6	1,941	3,287	16,496
Southwest	FIRES	836	188	5	66	884	2,070	4,049
	ACRES	35,650	5,893	284	3,553	16,173	203,248	264,801
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	776	39	47	967	702	2,713
	ACRES	17,414	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,134	107,215
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,863	485	11,357
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,355	5,582	175,721
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,761	336	12,302
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	186,855	8,840	230,328
TOTAL	FIRES	3,625	2,731	252	459	32,560	9,481	49,108
	ACRES	245,396	349,864	329,351	189,056	938,759	1,109,411	3,161,837

Ten Year Average Fires	68,655
Ten Year Average Acres	3,915,908

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		150					150
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						80	80
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	150	0	0	0	80	230

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	96	23	3		218	368
	ACRES	5,351	22,175	5,795	123		30,209	63,653
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		10,562	34,269
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	73	4	23	336	457
	ACRES	502	3,808	11,084	760	1,750	16,677	34,581
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	4		11	35	80
	ACRES	18	29,635	400		1,565	11,637	43,255
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		520		2,084		230	2,834
Southwest	FIRES	14	35	19	8	3	267	346
	ACRES	3,653	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	47,756	125,123
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	25	90	9	11	87	250
	ACRES	1,730	20,204	12,778	9,592	190	8,857	53,351
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	502	204	1,060
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	26,936	176,980
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	72	14,130	1,217	15,742
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,793	779,616	933,884	1,912,517
TOTAL	FIRES	161	209	910	138	14,686	2,662	18,766
	ACRES	41,226	103,582	243,781	111,026	865,678	1,100,423	2,465,716

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			7,308		13,959	21,267
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		55,882	56,484
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		15,270	15,705
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	81	0	187	303
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	14,615	0	246,840	305,903

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	21	5	17	35	10	17			299	128
Northern California	30	71	27	152	7	18			53	367
Southern California	32	17	23	23	24	10			171	44
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	12	11	37	10	5	7			96	24
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		3			3			58	
Rocky Mountain			12		1					
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	9								214	171
Total	105	104	119	220	47	55	0	0	891	734

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